

REMARKS

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 28, 2008, which indicated that the amendments filed in the March 13, 2008 Amendment were not entered. The amendments filed on the March 13, 2008 have been resubmitted herein and new claims 19 and 20 have been added. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 11-14, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 8-10, 15 and 16 have been previously withdrawn. New claims 19 and 20 have been added, and thus, claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added.

Support for the feature of "identification information including information to specify a communication interface for the devices of the other party" in claim 1, for example, can be found, for example, in paragraphs 0044, 0046 and 0054 of the Specification as filed.

Support for the feature "devices of the other party including a device able to communicate simultaneously with said communication device" in claim 1, for example, can be found, for example, in paragraph 0049 and Figure 2 of the Specification as filed.

Support for the feature of "a data base part that relates the proper address information which specifies a communication interface for the devices of the other party" in claim 7, can be found, for example, in paragraph 0054 of the Specification as filed.

Support for the feature of "the device of the other party has communication standard corresponding to the communication device, and includes a device able to communicate that coexists with the communication device simultaneously" in claim 7, can be found, for example, in paragraph 0049 and Figure 2 of the Specification as filed.

Support for the new claims, can be found, for example, in paragraphs 0044 through 0054 of the Specification as filed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

A. Claims 1-6, 11-14 and 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huuskonen (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0078372). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 as amended, recites "a receiver receiving a plurality of pieces of identification information... said identification information including information to specify a communication

interface for the devices of the other party" (lines 4-6). Applicants submit that Huuskonen fails to describe such a feature. Huuskonen, paragraph [0033] describes:

In addition to receiving a unique identifier, WCD 102 may also receive the name of the remote device 104. This name may be set by the owner or user of the remote device 104. Examples of remote device names include "Jim's phone," and "Mary's PDA." Moreover, during each of these encounters, WCD 102 may receive information from the remote device 104, such as the remote device type, the remote device owner, a description of event(s) associated with the encounter, and owner contact information.

As described above, Huuskonen merely describes that in addition to a unique identifier of the remote device, the remote device type, the remote device owner, and a description of events can be received. Huuskonen is silent regarding the feature of receiving identification information "including information to specify a **communication interface** for the devices of the other party" as recited by claim 1 (emphasis added).

In addition, claim 1 as amended recites "devices of the other party including a device able to communicate simultaneously with said communication device" (lines 6-7). Applicants submit that Huuskonen fails to describe such a feature. Huuskonen, paragraph [0043] describes:

WCD 102 stores information from each of these encounters. For example, WCD 102 stores the time of each encounter, information regarding the encountered remote device 104, and information regarding the owner of the encountered remote device 104. In addition, WCD 102 may store whether each encountered remote device 104 is a personal device or an impersonal device. This allows for the efficient retrieval of stored information regarding past encounters

As described above, Huuskonen merely discloses that, information regarding the past encountered remote device is stored, and based on the stored information, the remote device is retrieved. Huuskonen utilizes information regarding past encounters when retrieving information and does not communicate with the other device at the same time as the retrieval. Accordingly, Huuskonen does not contemplate nor describe "**communicat[ing] simultaneously with said communication device**" as recited by claim 1.

Accordingly, applicants submit that claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited art for at least the above mentioned reasons.

Independent claims 4, 5, 11-14, 17 and 18 also recite the features of "specify[ing] a communication interface" and "**communicat[ing] simultaneously with said communication device**." Accordingly, claims 4, 5, 11-14, 17 and 18 patentably distinguish over the cited art for at least the above mentioned reasons.

Dependent claims 2, 3 and 6 inherit the patentable recitations of their respective base claims, and therefore, patentably distinguish over the cited art for the above mentioned reasons in addition to the additional features recited therein.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

B. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hama et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0039915). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 as amended recites "a data base part that relates the proper address information which specifies a communication interface for the devices of the other party" (lines 3-4). Applicants submit that Hama fails to describe such a feature. For example, Hama paragraph [0064] describes:

When the control unit 20 detects, while the screen 511 is being displayed, that a predetermined period of time has elapsed during which the user has not performed any operation, the control unit 20 retrieves the registration contents such as the telephone number and e-mail address regarding the selected name "ABBOTT Emily", and has the retrieved contents overlaid on the screen 511 in a pop-up display, as shown in the screen 512. Here, the predetermined amount of time is, for example, 2 seconds. In the screen 512, the contents are "ABBOTT Emily"s mobile phone number "MOBILE: 09012345678", home telephone number "HOME: 0663332222", e-mail address "E-MAIL 1: EMILY@aaa.co.jp", and second e-mail address "E-MAIL 2: ABBOTT@bbb.co.jp", which are displayed enclosed by a rectangle

As described above, Hama merely retrieves the telephone number and e-mail address. Hama is silent regarding the ability to specifying a communication interface. Accordingly, Hama fails to describe "a data base part that relates the proper address information which specifies a **communication interface** for the devices of the other party" as recited by claim 7 (emphasis added.)

In addition, claim 7 as amended, recites "said devices of the other party having a communication standard corresponding to said communication device, and said devices of the other party including a device able to communicate simultaneously with said communication device" (lines 5-7). Applicants submit that Hama fails to describe such features. For example, Hama paragraph [0066] describes:

When the start key 14 is pressed while the screen 512 (or the screen 511) is being displayed, the control unit 20 switches the pop-up display to a pop-up display whose contents have been narrowed down to the telephone numbers, as shown in a screen 513. The telephone numbers in the registered content for "ABBOTT Emily" are the mobile phone number "MOBILE: 09012345678", and the home phone number "HOME: 0663332222", so the control unit 20 has these two telephone numbers displayed. Here, control unit 20 has one of the telephone numbers highlighted, showing that that telephone number is selected. In the

screen 513 "MOBILE: 09012345678" is selected.

As described above, Hama merely describes that in a telephone directory function, the mobile phone number of "ABBOTT Emily," for example, is displayed, the number is selected, and a call is initiated by pressing the start key. Once the mobile phone number of "ABBOTT Emily" is selected, a call is initiated to the mobile phone of Abbott Emily. Moreover, Hama fails to describe specifying a communication interface nor communicating with the device at the same time. Accordingly, Hama fails to describe "the other party having a **communication standard corresponding to said communication device**" and "said devices of the other party including a device able to communicate **simultaneously** with said communication device" as recited by claim 7 (emphasis added).

In view of the above, applicants submit that claim 7 patentably distinguishes over the cited art for at least the reasons discussed above.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants submit that new claims 19 and 20 patentably distinguish over the cited art. As described above, the cited art fails to describe receiving information specifying a communication protocol. Accordingly, the cited art fails to describe "receiving identification information including information specifying a communication protocol from the second communication device" as recited by claim 19. Claim 20 inherits the patentable distinctions of claim 19 from which it depends, and therefore, patentably distinguishes over the cited art. In addition, as described above, the cited fails to describe "wherein said specifying attribute information occurs simultaneously with said receiving identification information" as recited by claim 20, and therefore, claim 20 patentably distinguishes over the cited on this additional basis.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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